

COMMISSIONERS APPROVAL

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PLETTENBERG (Clerk & Recorder)

Date.....December 10, 2007

Members Present..... Commissioner Jim Rokosch,
Commissioner Carlotta Grandstaff, and Commissioner Alan Thompson

Minutes: Beth Perkins

Commissioner Greg Chilcott attended a Forest County Coalition meeting in Washington D.C.

Commissioner Kathleen Driscoll attended the Elected Officials Training & Certification for Commissioners meeting in Helena.

► The Board met for various administrative matters as follows:

Final Plat approval for Hamilton Heights Block 4 Lots 14-15 - Planner Renee Lemon gave an overview. She stated the owners request a letter of credit for slurry which is a sealant on the driveways. **Commissioner Thompson made a motion to approve final plat for Hamilton Heights with conditions set forth being an irrevocable letter of credit for slurry in the spring. Commissioner Grandstaff seconded the motion, all voted 'aye'.**

Decision on Clarion Contract – Planning Director Karen Hughes presented the Board with the proposed Clarion Contract. She stated there were a few changes with the \$210,000 and the remaining \$8,000 for retainer. Karen stated it is now \$215,000 which is now above the budgeted threshold. She stated she has sent a copy to Clarion and is waiting for a response. Civil Counsel Alex Beal made some recommendations indicating “time is of the essence” language should be inserted. Alex stated the County has set a time line that is not expandable and there is no room for error. The contract is a basis for argument should they not meet their deadlines. Commissioner Rokosch stated the County should have some type of a contingency plan if this process does not go right.

Citizen Rick Fuhrman stated the subject of alternatives was discussed at the last Planning Board meeting. He discussed zoning by school districts. Commissioner Rokosch stated it is adopting seven resolutions versus one. Alex commented that could be done. Commissioner Rokosch stated there is some merit in that consideration. Alex stated the agricultural land could be counted differently because it is taxed differently. Board discussion followed regarding keeping agricultural land in agricultural districts.

Commissioner Grandstaff brought up the protest by petition process. Alex discussed the next available time to place this issue on the ballot.

Rick asked about registered voters affecting the count. Alex replied they don't have the authority to zone the cities. Alex stated if a petition process brought forth signatures in the amount of 25%, this issue will get a special election.

Karen read the corrections in the contract to the Board which included a non-extendable clause. Commissioner Rokosch mentioned the inclusion of an additional workshop between the values mapping draft and draft one of the zoning maps. Karen stated it is highlighted as a public meeting. Karen discussed the baseline zoning project schedule and other key highlights. Commissioner Thompson stated he has reviewed the agreement. He is in favor of it. **Commissioner Thompson made a motion to approve and sign the agreement with Clarion. Commissioner Grandstaff seconded the motion, all voted 'aye'.**

Decision on cash in lieu policy for employee health insurance - Civil Counsel Alex Beal presented the Board with a copy of the current employee handbook page 76. Board discussion followed regarding the legality of having a cash in lieu option. Commissioner Grandstaff made a motion to adopt a cash in lieu of insurance policy in the amount of \$250 per month concurrent with new health insurance plan effective January 1, 2008 noting December 2006 policy has not been adopted with legal counsel opinion. Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion, all voted 'aye'.